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Via ECFS
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Even though you've chosen to support policies that allow the telecom industries to end the free and fair internet days, allowing those same telecom industries to stifle smaller competitors flies directly in the face of anti monopoly and consumer protections.

Active competition (a leveling of the playing field so to speak) has always driven innovation and jobs in this country. Protectionism and allowing the big telecoms to dominate the playing field has again and again stifled that creativity and innovation.

I use broadband at my home and both of our small businesses and it is vital that there is an active and enthusiastic market available to choose from as a business owner.

I haven't been able to switch to fiber yet, but Have plans to do so soon and shutting down the ability of smaller ISP's to be a part of this market will negatively impact me and my businesses.

Regards

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